

PROCLAMATION **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**MAY 17-23, 2009

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's emergency medical services system consists of physicians, nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services team members, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 17-23, 2009, **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

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